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SENATOR DeCAMP: So it could be \$33,000? OK, then what about the county? Is additional money allowed there at the \$26,000?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'm not sure.

SENATOR DeCAMP: No? Alright.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, Senators, this amendment still gives the metropolitan judges essentially a \$5,000 increase. It gives the county judges a \$6,000 increase. The thing that we have heard about since we've started talking about this is the gap between the county judges and the metropolitan judges. We've only narrowed the gap \$1,000. We've really not solved the problem that everybody was addressing themselves to and that was this horrendous gap between metropolitan judges and county judges. The amendment only narrows the gap by \$1,000. We're handing out salary increases to the tune of \$5,000 and \$6,000. I strongly oppose this approach.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Cavanaugh. Senator Cavanaugh, do you have these statistics available, or can you get them, of what the case load is for a metropolitan judge and what it is for . . . like for Hall County's judge? I'm sorry because I've missed some of this debate on being out of state.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: You shouldn't be sorry.

SENATOR KELLY: Where could I find out?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I think Mr. Dunlevey could supply that to you. He's supplied it before.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you very much. I'm laboring under the opinion, by conversation, that the county judges out-state have a case load that's far greater than in the metropolitan area if for no other reason than because of the municipal courts that are in the metropolitan area that the rural areas do not have. I have no statistics to verify that. I thought maybe Senator Cavanaugh would have.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I don't want to protract this I just would like an answer to Senator Kelly's question pointed out that no one can predict the case load of a judge anymore than you can predict the crime rate or any part . . . the burden that might fall upon the judges. Therefore, what might be a high load in